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SUBJ: SON OF PROMINENT BANKER KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED.

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1. GABINO GOMEZ ROCH, SON OF BANCO MEXICANO DIRECTOR JOSE GOMEZ GORDOA, WAS KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED NEAR MEXICO CITY LATE LAST WEEK. SOME DETAILS OF THE CRIME, WHICH APPARENTLY OCCURRED SEPTEMBER 28, REMAIN UNCLEAR. FAMILY REPORTEDLY KEPT POLICE OUT OF CASE INITIALLY AND PAID FIVE-MILLION-PESO RANSOM. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS FAMILY STILL NOT COOPERATING FULLY WITH POLICE. VICTIM'S BODY WAS DISCOVERED BY PEASANTS NEAR MEXICO CITY-PUEBLA HIGHWAY.

2. A POLICE SPOKESMAN HAS PUBLICLY DISCOUNTED LIKELIHOOD OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION, NOTING, INTER ALIA, THAT THERE WAS NO EFFORT BY PERPETRATORS TO PUBLICIZE POLITICAL MESSAGES AND THAT MURDERERS WERE NOT GOOD SHOTS. DESPITE RANSOM PAYMENT REPORTS, THIS SPOKESMAN ALSO DOUBTED MONETARY MOTIVE, NOTING FACT THAT VICTIM'S FATHER WAS AT THE TIME ATTENDING RECENT CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI. SPOKESMAN SPECULATED THIS WAS REVENGE SLAYING. POLICE STATEMENT AS REPORTED OBVIOUSLY NOT VERY PERSUASIVE.

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3. INTERIOR SECRETARY MARIO MOYA PALENCIA REPRESENTED PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AT FUNERAL SERVICES AND LATER SAID POLICE HAD REFRAINED FROM INTERVENTION IN CASE AT REQUEST OF FAMILY.

4. COMMENT: GOM IS ALREADY HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM AS RESULT OF RECENT SLAYING OF INDUSTRIALIST GARZA SADA IN MONTERREY (SEE REFTTEL). THIS NEW CRIME MAY RENEW POLEMICS BEGUN BY MARGAIN'S SPEECH AT GARZA SADA'S FUNERAL. MARGAIN ACCUSED GOVERNMENT OF STIMULATING CRIME AND SUBVERSION BY ITS RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD FOREIGN AND EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES AND ITS HOSTILITY TOWARD PRIVATE SECTOR. GOMEZ ROCH'S DEATH, POLITICAL OR NOT, GIVES NEW AMMUNITION TO CRITICS OF GOM AT LEAST ON LAW AND ORDER ISSUE.
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